

Introduced by Senators Huff, Cannella, and Fuller

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 41—Relative to Motorcycle Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 41, as introduced, Huff. Motorcycle Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim May 2013 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In 1987, the State of California initiated a
2 statewide, multifaceted motorcycle safety program designed to
3 promote safety through the education and training of novice
4 motorcycle riders; and

5 WHEREAS, Beginning in 2008, the California Highway Patrol
6 partnered with public and private motorcycle safety stakeholder
7 organizations to develop a comprehensive effort to address a steep,
8 10-year increase of motorcyclist fatalities and injuries on the state's
9 roadways; and

10 WHEREAS, Motorcyclists throughout the state raise funds for
11 the less fortunate through charity runs and benefits, and encourage
12 continued involvement within their communities; and

13 WHEREAS, During the month of May 2013, the California
14 Motorcyclist Safety Program, the California Highway Patrol, and
15 national, state, and local motorcycle safety organizations will join
16 together in an effort to increase awareness by motorcyclists and

1 motorists of the need to safely coexist in California's roadways;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the California Motorcyclist
4 Safety Program has set a national record and leads the nation with
5 over 843,000 motorcyclists trained; and

6 WHEREAS, California motorcyclists are encouraged to properly
7 outfit themselves with proper protective equipment, licensing, and
8 insurance, and to adhere to our state's rules of the road; and

9 WHEREAS, The California Highway Patrol and the California
10 Motorcyclist Safety Program are committed to educating
11 motorcycle riders and operators about other vehicles to reduce the
12 pain, suffering, and economic loss that result from traffic collisions,
13 through education on the dangers of impaired riding and the need
14 for other motorists to be aware of motorcycles among the mix of
15 vehicles used for transportation; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims May 2013 as
18 Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in California; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
20 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.